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SUBJECT: MOVEMENT OF REPATRIATES IN US TO GUAM

1. IF REFUGEES IN US RECEPTION CENTERS HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED QUESTIONNAIRES TO UNHCR TO RETURN TO VIETNAM, IATF POLICY IS TO OFFER THEM OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO GUAM TO JOIN REPATRIATES PREPARING SHIP FOR RETURN.

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2. CENTERS SHOULD INFORM REFUGEES WHO HAVE ALREADY SUB-

MITTED QUESTIONNAIRES THAT RETURN TO HOMELAND BY SHIP FROM GUAM IS ONE OF OPTIONS OPEN TO THEM. ALTERNATIVELY, THEY CAN OPT TO WAIT UNTIL VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCE THEY WILL ACCEPT THEM AND IN MEANTIME EITHER BE SPONSORED INTO US SOCIETY OR APPLY FOR RESETTLEMENT IN THIRD COUNTRIES.

3. US CENTERS SHOULD INFORM IATF SOONEST NAMES OF REFUGEES WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED QUESTIONNAIRES AND NOW INSIST ON RETURN BY SHIP. THEY SHOULD BE TOLD THAT TRANSPORTATION TO GUAM WILL BE ARRANGED FOR THEM. PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE FROM US CENTERS, IATF OFFICE OF SPECIAL CONCERNS WILL PROVIDE COUNSELING TO THEM ABOUT ALTERNATIVES. FYI. OSC WILL ALSO PROVIDE SUCH COUNSELING AS FINAL STOP DURING OUTPROCESSING OF ALL REPATRIATES IN GUAM. END. FYI.

4. REFUGEES EITHER IN CENTERS OR ALREADY SPONSORED OUT INTO US SOCIETY WHO HAVE NOT RPT NOT PREVIOUSLY SPONSORED QUESTIONNAIRES BUT NOW EXPRESS INTEREST IN REPATRIATION SHOULD BE TOLD TO SUBMIT QUESTIONNAIRES TO UNHCR THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS. THEY SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT THOSE WHO HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED QUESTIONNAIRES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR RETURN ON THE SHIP BUT THAT WE EXPECT UNHCR WILL CONTINUE TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE VIETNAMESE FOR THEIR EVENTUAL REPATRIATION.

5. AS FOR REFUGEES SPONSORED OUT INTO US SOCIETY WHO HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED QUESTIONNAIRES, RED CROSS INFORMS US THERE ARE ABOUT 140 OF THESE, WHILE UNHCR REP NEW YORK INFORMS US 159 IN US SOCIETY DESIRE REPATRIATION OF WHOM 70 HAVE SUBMITTED QUESTIONNAIRES. WE WILL HAVE TO GET BETTER COUNT ON THESE NUMBERS BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER THOSE WHO ARE IN US SOCIETY HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED QUESTIONNAIRES WILL BE OFFERED OPPORTUNITY TO RETURN BY SHIP. INGERSOLL

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